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direct the work of volunteers from Ljubljana organizations, such as the OF and the Trade Union Syndicates. Since there are few permanently employed workers and the number of volunteers varies from day to day, work is progressing slowly. Construction has also been impeded by the marshy terrain between Vic and St. Vid and the necessity to cut a terraced roadbed 800 meters long near St. Vid. The bridges across the Sava River at Crmuce and Laze, which were built by the Germans, are single-track and must be widened. The necessary steel spans will be manufactured at the Jesenice Steel Combine, and will be assembled by the General Building Corporation of Maribor, which is part of the Bolt, Nut, Screw and Bridge Construction Works at Maribor.

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Comment: The new railroad, therefore, is of military and strategic importance. Installations on the new line represent much smaller military targets, are much less visible, and are more easily camouflaged than on the old line through the city. The danger of cutting off all traffic in the directions of Jesenice and Trieste, in case the Ljubljana central station is bombed, has been eliminated.

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